**Personalized Learning Workgroup**

**Meeting Notes – 1/26/11**

* Meeting was hosted by Justin at Winooski High School. We began with an introduction of group members:

From the grant planning team:

Justin Brown WHS

Carlen Finn Voices for Vermont Children

Frank Gerdeman VAL

Amy Mellencamp BHS

Additional Members:

Tom Alderman DoE

Sue Blethen BHS (ELL teacher)

Jim Donoghue BHS (Social Studies teacher)

Noah Everitt WHS (special educator)

Brent Litterer WHS (counselor)

Peter McConville BHS (English teacher)

* Overview presentation of the grant and introduction of the general scope of work for the planning year
* Group brainstorming around the specific tasks of the PL workgroup from the overall work plan to begin identifying critical sub-tasks and components. Initial thoughts:
  + Designing a process for redefining graduation expectations, competencies and achievement that include input/involvement from ALL stakeholders
  + Create a common language, starting with this workgroup, which is consistent with the grant language and intent
  + Use of PLPs as flexible pathways to graduation
* Discussion of communication and information sharing using a variety of resources, including google documents and creating a separate workgroup wiki. *Frank will have a prototype up and running by early next week and take responsibility for transferring pertinent information to the PBWorks wiki.*
* Tom mentioned getting a representative (or small group) to do a short presentation to the State Board of Education and will follow –up at the Department. *This will need to go back to the planning team for discussion and coordinated action*
* Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 16th 3:30-5:30 pm at BHS